GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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OUTDATED LAWS
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Will the Minister of LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of outdated laws are hampering economic reforms;

(b) if so, the details of those laws;

(c) whether the Law Commission has submitted any report for elimination of such outdated legislation;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE & COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI. RAMJETHMALANI)

(a),(b),(c),(d) and (e): Sir, to examine the shortcomings in the laws and to remedy the situation, the Central Government has constituted a Commission on Review of Administrative ;Laws and the said Commission had recommended repeal of about 1382 Central Acts which have been identified either as obsolete or dysfunctional or needing modification. The Law Commission of India has also submitted its 159th Report on `Repeal and Amendment of Laws` which has been laid on the Table of the House on 27th October 1999. The administrative Ministries / Departments of the Government of India concerned ;with these Acts are now examining whether the said laws could be repealed/amended. Six Bills have already been introduced in the Houses for repeal of twenty-one Acts and three Ordinances.